

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

LIAU et al.

APPLICATION NO: 10/619344

FILED: July 14, 2003

FOR: INDUCTION OF BLOOD VESSEL FORMATION THROUGH
ADMINISTRATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING
SPHINGOSINE KINASES

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

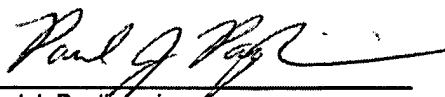
Sir:

The Office Action of October 3, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 3, 2007. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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